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## Wisconsin - Honey Production

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### Wisconsin Honey Production Flows to eighth Place in U.S.

Honey production from producers with 5 or more colonies in Wisconsin totaled 4.35 million pounds in 2010, an increase of 15 percent from 2009. The number of honey producing colonies in the state increased from 63,000 colonies in 2009 to 68,000 colonies in 2010. This number does not include those producers with less than 5 colonies or those who did not harvest honey. Yield per colony averaged 64 pounds, an increase of 4 pounds per colony from the previous year. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Wisconsin's rank in honey production for 2010 was eighth, three spots above last year.

On December 15, 2010, producer honey stocks in Wisconsin were 1.65 million pounds, an increase of 4 percent from 2009. Wisconsin's 2010 honey crop was valued at \$7.27 million, 22 percent above last year's \$5.97 million. The average price for a pound of honey in Wisconsin was \$1.67, up 9 cents from the previous year. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op, and private channels.

National honey production in 2010 was 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.687 million honey producing colonies in the U.S., up 7 percent from last year. The average yield increased 12 percent, to 65.5 pounds per colony. On December 15, 2010 honey producers held 45.3 million pounds in stock, up 21 percent from a year earlier.

Honey prices in the U.S. reached a record high for the third straight year, at \$1.60 per pound in 2010. This is up 13 cents from the previous year. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives.

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State	No of Colonies		Production		Average Price		Honey Stocks Dec. 15 1/	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Thousands		1,000 lbs.		Cents per lb.		1,000 lbs.	
WI	63	68	3,780	4,352	158	167	1,588	1,654
CA	355	410	11,715	27,470	139	156	2,109	6,318
FL	170	200	11,560	13,800	142	157	1,618	1,794
GA	65	55	2,665	2,530	147	152	346	152
MI	66	70	3,960	4,060	155	164	1,505	1,502
MN	122	126	7,930	8,316	144	154	1,427	1,746
MT	146	157	10,220	11,618	146	155	3,577	2,905
ND	450	510	34,650	46,410	138	151	7,623	12,995
SD	270	265	17,820	15,635	142	154	6,237	4,847
TX	89	100	5,607	7,200	139	153	1,065	792
US	2,498	2,684	146,416	175,904	147.3	160.3	37,516	45,307

1/Stocks held by producers do not include stocks under loan.

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